

MEDFORD LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEDFORD LAKES, NJ 08055
MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2019

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

This meeting is called to order under the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. The Secretary certifies that all requirements have been met. I, Kim Bezanis, Board President, call this meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOTICE

Adequate notice of the meeting was advertised by the Burlington County Times on April 16, 2019 and sent by electronic mail to the Clerk of the Municipality.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Kim Bezanis
Mr. Robert Brittain
Mrs. Kristen Caputo
Ms. Mary Sullivan
Mr. Ken Wolson

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Anthony Dent, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Colling, Business Administrator
Mrs. Carole Ramage, Director of Curriculum
Dr. Michael Lee, Director of Special Education

FLAG SALUTE

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Colling presented the Budget to the Board of Education and the public present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED 2019-2020 DISTRICT BUDGET - NONE

APPROVAL OF THE 2019-2020 BUDGET

Motion by Mr. Brittain and seconded by Ms. Sullivan;

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 school district budget for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education as follows:

	BUDGET	TAX LEVY
General Fund	\$ <u>8,100,507</u>	\$ <u>6,156,066</u>
Special Revenue Fund	\$ <u>108,949</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Debt Service	\$ <u>639,570</u>	\$ <u>561,547</u>
Total Base Budget	\$ <u>8,849,026</u>	\$ <u>6,717,613</u>

Mr. Brittain inquired about 4th grade enrollment and if the 2 sections of 5th grade for next year are enough. Mr. Dent replied with the number of students in each grade for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade and that based upon the current enrollment, this would be enough for next year.

Mr. Dent reiterated the state aid amounts that were received and that the fact that an additional language arts teacher was not included in the budget, doesn't mean that we don't need this position. The position was not replaced a few years ago and that by not having this position, it limits our ability to do certain things with class size and offerings.

Mr. Wolson commented that Administration did a great job on the budget, noting that there were a lot of numbers in consideration and that the presentation was great. He then thanked administration for all of their hard work.

ROLL CALL VOTE: *Ayes: Ms. Bezanis, Mr. Brittain, Mrs. Caputo, Ms. Sullivan*
 Nays: Mr. Wolson
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None
 Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Brittain and seconded by Mrs. Caputo;

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following personnel items:

1. Approve Summer 2019 Doctorate Courses for Anthony Dent, Superintendent, as follows:
 - a. Action Research II – EDL 7109 - 0
 - b. Lab of Practice: Superintendent VI – EDL 8135 - 0
 - c. Dissertation of Practice II – EDL 9200 - 0

Mr. Brittain inquired how many more courses Mr. Dent will be taking to which Mr. Dent explained that the hope is to be finished by April 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE: *Ayes: Ms. Bezanis, Mr. Brittain, Mrs. Caputo, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Wolson*
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None
 Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Caputo and seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adopt a resolution to recess meeting to discuss the following under Chapter 7, NJ Open Public Meetings Act:

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MEDFORD LAKES

RESOLUTION 2019-18E AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Medford Lakes ("Board of Education") has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Board of Education will reconvene following the end of the closed session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

____Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon: _____);

____Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (MLEA 2010-2013 Collective Bargaining Agreement);

Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is entitled: [John Doe vs. ABC Board of Education])

(If contract negotiation the nature of the contract and interested party is _____)

Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the Board of Education's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is _____);

Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board of Education Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter. (Estimated date: _____) or upon the occurrence of _____);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution. Action may be taken when public session resumes.

VOTE: 5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 0 abstain Motion Carried

Time: 6:53 PM

I, Michael F. Colling, do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at its meeting held on May 1, 2019 at Neeta School Library, 44 Neeta Trail, Medford Lakes, New Jersey.


Board Secretary

Motion by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mrs. Caputo to return to open session.

VOTE: 5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 0 abstain Motion Carried

Time: 7:22 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Sullivan seconded by Mrs. Caputo to adjourn meeting.

VOTE: 5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 0 abstain Motion Carried

Time: 7:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael F. Colling
Board Secretary